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DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Application

1. Claims 1, 3-7, 13-16, 49 are pending.
2. *Ex parte* prosecution was suspended in a previous Office Action mailed on 4/28/2004.

Allowable subject matter

3. Claims 1, 3-7, 13-16, 49 appear to be allowable over the prior art of record.
4. A reference relevant to the examination of this application may soon become available. *Ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

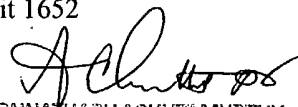
Conclusion

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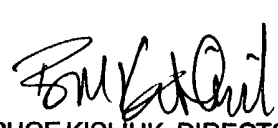
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